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Greetings:

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights for its service to the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky for 50 years. As you gather for the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights Golden Anniversary Recognition Conference, may you reflect on and rejoice in how far Kentucky has come since Governor Edward T. Breathitt signed the Kentucky Civil Rights Act in 1966.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. praised the Kentucky Civil Rights Act as "the strongest and most comprehensive civil rights bill passed by a southern state." As the Act's enforcement powers expanded, Kentuckians were protected from discrimination in employment, public accommodations, housing, and financial transactions.

I am proud of the Kentucky General Assembly's role in the passage of this historic law that has dramatically changed the lives of countless people for the better. As we look ahead, the ever-evolving cultural and educational landscape of the state will further establish Kentucky as a land of equality and a protector of peoples' rights.

Warm Regards,

Kelly Flood

State Representative